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STATE PLEASE PASS U.S. CUSTOMS OFFICE MIAMI FOR
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REF: VIENNA 10864 AND PREVIOUS

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: U.S. REGISTERED AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS

1. FOLLOWING IS IN REPLY TO VERBAL REQUEST FOR BACKGROUND
INFO ON AUSTRIAN NATIONAL GUENTHER WALDRICH.
2. WALDRICH, BORN [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 05 DEC 2014] IN VIENNA, NOW
BELIEVED RESIDING IN BUDAPEST, IS SUBJECT OF EXTENSIVE
AUSTRIAN STATE POLICE INTELLIGENCE FILE. DETAILED REPORT
IS BEING MAILED TO U.S. CUSTOMS OFFICES IN MIAMI AND FRANK-
FURT, FRG. IN MEANTIME, FOLLOWING PERTINENT DATA
EXTRACTED FROM POLICE REPORT MAY BE OF IMMEDIATE INTEREST.
3. WALDRICH IS FUGITIVE WANTED BY AUSTRIAN POLICE FOR
FRAUD, EMBEZZLEMENT, FAILURE TO PAY CHILD SUPPORT RELATED
TO PREVIOUS MARRIAGE, AND NUMEROUS TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS IN
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VIENNA. IN 1963-1964, APPARENTLY CONNECTED WITH RIGHTIST
ORGANIZATION CALLED BUND GLEICHGESINNTER JUGEND OESTER-
REICHS. WALDRICH, SINCE 1971, HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN
NUMEROUS DEALINGS WITH YUGOSLAV NATIONALS IN BOTH AUSTRIA
AND YUGOSLAVIA. IN 1971, PASSPORT SHOWED HE HAD TRAVELED
EXTENSIVELY IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HUNGARY, POLAND, GERMAN
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC AND SOVIET UNION.

4. SUBJECT HAS BEEN LINKED WITH SEVERAL FIRMS, SOME OF WHICH OF DUBIOUS LEGALITY: ANTIOXYD, ALLEGEDLY VIENNESE BRANCH OF YUGOSLAV FIRM PLESKAR; ALUMINUM-VERTRIEB GUENTHER WALDRICH (VIENNA); CREMAK (VIENNA). ACCORDING SUBJECT'S FATHER, JOHANN WALDRICH, WHO WAS QUESTIONED BY VIENNA POLICE IN DECEMBER 1977, SON GUENTHER MOVED TO HUNGARY IN 1974, IS NOW EMPLOYED QUOTE BY SOME AMERICAN FIRM UNQUOTE DEALING IN ELECTRONICS OFFICE EQUIPMENT, A JOB WHICH REQUIRES HIM TO MAKE NUMEROUS TRIPS TO ROUMANIA. INFO DATED NOV. 1977 INDICATES WALDRICH IS EMPLOYED BY HUNGARIAN SMALL ARMS MANUFACTURER CALLED TECHNIKA, LOCATED IN BUDAPEST. ITEM IN POLICE FILE DATED NOVEMBER 17, 1977, NOTES THAT WALDRICH IS QUOTE ONE OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TRANSFER OF ARMS FROM BUDAPEST TO SOMALIA UNQUOTE.

5. CONFIDENTIAL POLICE REPORT STATES SUBJECT WAS ARRESTED IN HUNGARY ON JANUARY 24, 1976 FOR ATTEMPTING TO SMUGGLE AMERICAN-MADE OFFICE COMPUTERS INTO COUNTRY. WALDRICH CLAIMED THAT HE WAS UNAWARE OF DISCREPANCIES IN CUSTOMS DOCUMENTS ACCOMPANYING COMPUTERS. HE WAS REPORTEDLY RELEASED BY HUNGARIAN AUTHORITIES IN AUTUMN 1976. OTHER RECENT BUT UNDATED INFORMATION ALLEGES THAT WALDRICH ATTEMPTED TO SELL 35,000 TOKAREV 7.62 MM PISTOLS--OLDER MODEL PISTOLS PREVIOUSLY USED BY HUNGARIAN
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POLICE---TO WESTERN FIRMS, AND THAT ONE DOZEN OF THESE PISTOLS WERE SMUGGLED INTO AUSTRIA FOR DISPLAY.

6. EMBASSY COMMENT: ABOVE INFORMATION AS WELL AS FOUR-PAGE REPORT BEING MAILED ARE PROVIDED FOR BACKGROUND USE ONLY. SHOULD U.S. CUSTOMS WISH TO MAKE USE OF INFORMATION IN OVERT CAPACITY, SUCH AS IN COURT PROCEEDINGS, WITH ATTRIBUTION TO AUSTRIAN POLICE FILES, OFFICIAL PERMISSION TO DO SO WILL BE REQUIRED BEFOREHAND. WOLF

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